(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government is not aware of use of any such chemicals in India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Funds for Neyveli Lignite Corporation projects

2647. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few projects of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation are not being implemented due to the delay in sanctioning of funds by the Centre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some vested interests are creating hurdles in sanctioning funds for the fourth unit of N.L.C. which was submitted to the Centre in February, 1987; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIFF): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of raw material for Small Scale Industries in Madurai

2648. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about 3900 registered small scale Industries in Madurai and other Districts of Tamil Nadu are struggling for survival, due to non-availability of raw materials, such as Steel, Plastic and Coal; and

(b) what measures are taken by the Centre to help to solve the existing problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The indigenous availability of certain steel items like thinner gauge HR and CR sheets and plastic raw materials like LDPE, HDRE, PVC, PP: PS etc. has not been adequate to meet the full requirements of the industrial units during the current year.

(b) To tide over the problem of the State of Tamil Nadu, an allocation of 1000 tonnes of HR coils has been made in favour of Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation (TNSIDCO). The Corporation has also been allowed to import 600 tonnes of CR sheets during the current year.

To augment the indigenous supply of plastic raw materials, the import of all major thermo plastic raw materials has been allowed under OGL and these imports are made cheaper by the reduction of custom duty on these materials.

Missing pipes belonging to ONGC

2649. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pipes worth Rs. 30 lakhs belonging to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission were found missing in the Puzhal near Red Hills in Tamil Nadu.;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government; and

(c) who has been found responsible for this and what are the other details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.